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ACROSS THE BLUE WATER AREA

ALGONAC: Introduction session to martial arts set Dec. 2

An introductory martial-arts session for all ages will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 2 in Lifecare Martial Arts, 406 Pointe Tremble Road. Advance registration is requested. For details, call (810) 794-8896.

• Christmas-tree drawing to benefit school party

A Christmas-tree drawing will support the Algonac Senior All-Night Party. Tickets cost \$1 and are available at Seaway Community Bank of Algonac, 900 Pointe Tremble Road. The drawing will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 in the bank. The winner will have the choice of a decorated 7½-foot, pre-lighted artificial tree or a gift certificate for a fresh Christmas tree. Winners need not be present. For details, call (810) 794-5663.

BURTCHVILLE TWP.: Board discusses plans for library, noise rules **MARYSVILLE: Girls youth volleyball program being offered**

A youth volleyball program will be offered for girls living in the Marysville school district. The six-week program is for girls in third through eighth grades. The program will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays starting Dec. 3 in Gardens Elementary School. Third and fourth grades will play from 9 and 10 a.m.; fifth and sixth grades will play from 10 to 11 a.m.; and seventh and eighth grades will play from 11 a.m. to noon. The program will range from teaching basic skills to competition in game situations. Two former Marysville players who compete on the college level will run the program. Cost is \$10. Advance registration is requested. For details, call (810) 364-6613.

PORT HURON: 6 children's adoptions mark special state day

St. Clair County Probate Judge Elwood Brown on Tuesday finalized the adoption of six children into five families in celebration of Michigan Adoption Day. Created in 2003, the goal of adoption day is to focus on the state's adoption system and the number of children in need of permanent homes. Although adoption hearings usually are closed to the public, Tuesday's local proceedings were open in honor of the special day.

RICHMOND: Library Friends group is planning book sale

The Friends of the Lois Wagner Memorial Library will begin its annual almost-new book sale Dec. 1 in the library, 35200 Division Road. The group also will offer people during the holiday season an opportunity to buy a book for the children's collection in honor, or in memory, of a special person. For details, call (586) 727-2665.

ST. CLAIR: Local chamber mixer to celebrate the season

The St. Clair Chamber of Commerce will celebrate the holiday season with a "Holiday After-Hours Mixer" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14. It will be in Seaway Community Bank, 1920 Fred Moore Highway. For details, call (810) 329-2962.

SANDUSKY: Businesses are sought for decorating contest

Local businesses are being asked to help light up the city this Christmas. All businesses decorated will be judged. Prizes will be awarded for originality, creativity and use of lighting. Judging will be Nov. 30. There is no entry form. Winners will receive a picture plaque of their establishment. The event is sponsored by the Sandusky Chamber of Commerce. For details, call (810) 648-9648.
